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SUBJECT: CYPRUS TALKS IN VIENNA: GREEK-CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL

1. GREEK-CYPRIOTS PRESENTED AN EXPLAINED THEIR TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL FOR CYPRUS AT LENGTHY AFTERNOON SESSION MARCH 31. TWO DOCUMENTS WERE PLACED ON THE TABLE -- THE MAP, EXACTLY AS EXPLAINED IN NICOSIA 880, TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT OF GREEK-CYPRIOT PRINCIPLES (TEXT IN NICOSIA 881).

2. BY WAY OF EXPLAINING THIS TERRITORIA PROPOSAL, GREEK-CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

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WE ARE ABOUT TO COMMENCE DISCUSSING THE TERRITORIAL
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ASPECT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. BEFORE I PRESENT THE CONCRETE PROPOSALS OF THE GREEK-CYPRIOT SIDE IN THIS RESPECT I SHOULD STATE THAT BOTH THESE PROPOSALS, AS WELL AS ANY PROPOSALS ON OTHER ISSUES, ARE PUT FORWARD SUBJECT TO CERTAIN BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN A DOCUMENT (GREEK-CYPRIOT PRINCIPLES - NICOSIA 881) THAT I WISH NOW TO PUT FORMALLY ON RECORD, SO THAT THEY

SHOULD BE CONSTANTLY BORNE IN MIND WITHOUT MY HAVING TO REPEAT THEM ALL THE TIME.

IN PRESENTING THE MAP (NICOSIA 880) INDICATING THE REGION WHICH WE PROPOSE TO BE UNDER TURKISH-CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION, I SHOULD LIKE FIRST OF ALL TO STRESS THAT THIS IS NOT BY ANY MEANS A SURVEYOR'S MAP.

THE FOLLOWING POINTS FORM THE BASIS ON WHICH THIS MAP WAS PREPARED:

(1) THE AREA OF THE TERRITORY TO BE UNDER TURKISH-CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION IS 20 PERCENT OF THE AREA OF THE REPUBLIC. THIS IS NOT AN IDLE FIGURE BUT A FIGURE PROPOSED IN A DESIRE TO FACILITATE A SETTLEMENT OF THE TERRITORIAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM AND WHICH WE BELIEVE MEET ALL THE CRITERIA OF THE GUIDELINES RECORDED ON THE 12TH FEBRUARY, 1977.

(2) A FACTOR WHICH WAS ALSO TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IS THE POPULATION RATIO, WHICH, IN ANY EVENT, DOES NOT DIFFER MUCH FROM THE RATIO OF LAND OWNERSHIP.

(3) ACCORDING TO DATA THAT CANNOT BE DISPUTED, PREPARED BOTH UNDER BRITISH RULE AND SINCE INDEPENDENCE, THE PERCENTAGES OF LAND OWNERSHIP IN CYPRUS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GREEKS	TURKS	OTHERS	STATE LAND
60.9	12.3	0.5	26.3

ALL FIGURES IN PERCENT

"STATE LAND" INCLUDES: COMMUNAL PROPERTIES (SUCH AS GRAZING AREAS), ROADS, RIVERS, LAKES, FORESTS AND OTHER STATE OWNED LANDS.

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THE PERCENTAGES OF PRIVATELY OWNED LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GREEKS	TURKS	OTHERS
82.7	16.7	0.6

ALL FIGURES IN PERCENT

IT IS WORTHY OF NOTE THAT A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF OFFICIAL RECORDS COVERING A PERIOD OF MORE THAN FORTY YEARS SHOWS THAT THE ABOVE PERCENTAGES HAVE REMAINED STABLE WITH NEGLIGIBLE VARIATIONS.

(4) IN AN ISLAND AS SMALL AS CYPRUS, THE ECONOMY OF WHICH IS INTEGRATED AND THE VARIOUS AREAS AND ECONOMIC SECTORS INTERRELATED AND INTERDEPENDENT, ITS ECONOMIC VIABILITY OR PRODUCTIVITY CAN ONLY BE EFFECTIVELY ASSURED FOR THE COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE, AS WELL AS FOR EACH COMMUNITY SEPARATELY, IF IT IS NOT DIVIDED INTO TWO SEPARATE ECONOMIC ENTITIES, BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, IF THE UNITY OF THE COUNTRY IS SAFEGUARDED, AS STATED IN THE GUIDELINES.

(T) THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OR PRODUCTIVITY OF CYPRUS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY REFERENCE TO THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, INCLUDING ALL FORMS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND PRODUCTION, AND NOT BY REFERENCE TO ANY ISOLATED SECTOR, SUCH AS AGRICULTURE AND LAND UTILIZATION.

6) OUR PROPOSAL ON THE TERRITORIAL ASPECT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, ACCOMPANIED BY THIS MAP, CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE THREE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES REFERRED TO IN THE GUIDELINES, NAMELY THE RIGHT OF PROPERTY, THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND THE FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT, WHICH, NATURALLY, INCLUDES THE RIGHT OF THE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND THE RIGHT OF THE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS TO RESIDE IN THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT REGION, IF THEY SO CHOOSE. THESE PRINCIPLES ARE INDISPENSABLE PREREQUISITES FOR ANY FEDERAL STATE. IN FACT THE TERM "FEDERAL" WOULD BE RENDERED MEANINGLESS IF SUCH PRINCIPLES WERE NOT RESPECTED AND SAFE-CONFIDENTIAL

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GUARDED FOR ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC THROUGHOUT ITS TERRITORY, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.

(7) ACCORDING TO OUR PROPOSAL ON THE TERRITORIAL ASPECT ABOUT 120,000 GREEK-CYPRIOTS WILL BE RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES IN THE REGION UNDER GREEK-CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. ANOTHER 50,000 GREEK-CYPRIOTS WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN THE REGION UNDER TURKISH-CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION. SOME OF THEM MIGHT NOT WISH TO RETURN; BUT, EVEN IF THEY ALL DECIDED TO RETURN, THE EFFECTIVE MAJORITY OF THE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS IN THE REGION UNDER THEIR ADMINISTRATION WOULD STILL BE MAINTAINED.

OUR SIDE IS READY, AND IN FACT THIS IS ONE OF THE MAIN TASKS ENTRUSTED TO THE INTERLOCUTORS, TO IDENTIFY ANY PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PRINCIPLES AND TO DEVISE WAYS AND MEANS TO OVERCOME THEM. END TEXT.

3. TURKISH-CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE ONAN COMMENTED ONLY BRIEFLY ON THE GREEK-CYPRIOT PRESENTATION. HE INDICATED THAT THE TERRITORY ALLOTTED TO THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WAS FAR TOO SMALL AND INADEQUATE IN EVERY RESPECT. HE SUGGESTED THAT CERTAIN OF THE AGRICULTURAL LANDS ALLOTTED TO THE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS WERE WITHOUT WATER AND THAT ACCEPTANCE OF A BORDER SUCH AS THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS HAD DRAWN WOULD NECESSITATE A FURTHER RESETTLEMENT OF THOUSANDS OF TURKISH-CYPRIOTS. ONAN SAID HE WOULD FORWARD THE GREEK-CYPRIOT MAP AND "PRINCIPLES" TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DELIVER A FORMAL REPLY SHORTLY.
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